

It is said that Sir Fenwick Williams, has expressed his strong approval of the scheme for the Union of the Provinces of British North America.

Alexander McKenzie charged with having caused the death of the man, Kady, at the Windsor Junction, has been fully committed for trial before the Supreme Court.

The following gentlemen have appointed Justices of the Peace in the county of Kings:—William North, Eliakim Tupper (son of William), William H. Newcomb (son of Isaac), John S. Newcomb, Abraham G. Masters, Henry Lambert Baker.

ACCIDENTS AND MERCIES.—Berwick, March 22nd, 1865.—Dear Brother,—We cannot send you accounts of revivals in our immediate neighborhood, but we can rejoice in what we hear from other places. Especially are we glad to hear of the good work that is in progress at the Institutions in Wolfville.

One of our young men has returned from that place "and behold he prayeth." One of Father Chipman's sons is among the number of converts. This is a source of much rejoicing to his aged father in the midst of his bodily affliction. I am glad to inform you that Bro. Chipman is more comfortable of late.

While some of our young men are coming to Christ others are narrowly escaping death. On Sabbath the 12th the eldest son of Mr. Joseph Lawrence of this place had his thigh broken by this horse falling under him.

He was then dragged by his broken leg for several rods, till he struck a sled by which the horse ran, causing the girth of the saddle to break. Every effort has been made to preserve his life, of which there is now more encouragement than at first.

May God sustain the family in their affliction. Mr. Ingram Dodge, son of Mr. Ambrose Dodge of Wilmot, narrowly escaped drowning a few evenings since. While engaged in his saw-mill, he fell into the water and was stunned by the fall.

He was enabled to get his head out of water and in that state he was found in a helpless and almost insensible condition.

Last sabbath some of us narrowly escaped death at the door of the house of God. The congregation had only got seated in the house when a "crush" was heard at the door.

One of the deacons went out and found that one of the turrets and the balustrade of one side of the tower had been torn off by the wind, and had fallen upon and smashed the steps of the door.

Surely the Lord is warning us. This instrument of death had been kept back till all the worshippers had passed under it and then it fell. The horses were standing within a few feet of where it struck.

"The Lord preserveth man and beast." We expect to open a new Meeting house for divine worship on Sabbath, the 9th of April. It is about six miles east of Berwick on the Post Road.

Services will be held at 11 o'clock, A.M., and 4 o'clock, P.M. Ministering brethren are invited to attend.

Yours fraternally, E. M. SAUNDERS.

SAD NEWS FROM BRIDGEWATER.—On Sunday afternoon, March 20th, the Rev. Stephen March preached the funeral sermons of Thomas Amburg, Charles Foster, and James Robart, all of whom died of the Yellow Fever.

The two former on board Brig. "Mary Alice" on their passage from St. Thomas W. I. to La Have; the latter after the vessel arrived in this port. Mr. Amburg was buried at sea, the Capt. (Robbins) having to be supported by two men from his cabin, (he being sick with the fever) to perform the "burial service."

Mr. Foster died just as the vessel made land, and was buried at Bridgewater, as was also Mr. Robart, who died at a Hotel in Bridgewater shortly after the vessel's arrival.

Three out of seven men belonging to our vessel dying so unexpectedly, as may be supposed, cast a gloom over this village. The house of prayer was filled with sympathizing friends, who made no attempt to check the tear of sorrow which freely coursed down the cheek.

These men were generally respected in this village and elsewhere, and their loss will be deeply felt. The minister addressed himself in a particular manner to the young, warning them of the danger of delaying to seek for salvation.

He reminded them that "a voice from beneath the ocean's depths, from yon ship's deck anchored just below the Church—and from the grave yard where had recently been deposited two of their friends,—called in loud tones to prepare to meet their God,"—and it is sincerely hoped that the impressions which were made on this occasion may "bring forth peaceable fruits of righteousness."

The text chosen for this occasion was Job xxx. 23, "For I know that thou wilt bring me to death and to the house appointed for all living."

Mr. Amburg belonged to the town of Lunenburg, was recently married. Leaves a widow, to mourn her loss, who depended on his earnings solely for her living.

Mr. Foster belonged to this village, was well known and deservedly esteemed by young and old, he was the eldest son of a widowed mother, who partially depended upon him for the support of herself and younger children.

Mr. Robart belonged to Regged Island and bore an excellent name, he very willingly aided in the support of the gospel, he also did much toward the support of an aged mother and crippled father, he did not forget in his sick hours to direct the Capt. to pay the balance of his wages, clothes, quadrant, &c., to his father.

From remarks made by these men during their last hours, and by some of them previous to their departure from home, friends entertain hopes of meeting them in "the better land."

O how uncertain is this life,—how important to seek, without delay, a preparation for eternity. Warning after warning is sent but how few heed them.

"Time is winging us away To our eternal state."

How strange! that death may be commissioned any moment to enter our dwelling, snap asunder the slender thread of life, and cause us to enter upon our eternal state. And greater is the wonderment that men, possessed of giant intellect, of minds expanded, will risk their eternal destiny upon such an uncertain thread.

Reader, ponder I beseech you, ere it be too late, and your eternal destiny be forever sealed. W. J. G.

Bridgewater, March 22nd, 1865. Prince Edward Island. It is proposed by the P. E. I. Government to devote £2,500 to the establishment of a Provincial Stock Farm; and £1000 to the building of a new Market House in Charlottetown.

New Brunswick. POLITICAL.—The Visitor remarks that "Confederation has been severely whipped at a very large majority of the polling stations in New Brunswick. The counties of St. John, Kings, Westmorland, Kent, Gloucester, Charlotte, and Victoria, have all decided against the scheme, with one or two exceptions. Albert, Carleton, Sunbury, Northumberland, and Restigouche, have voted for Confederation. Queen's will probably go against it. It is not worthy that the New Brunswick delegates to the late Quebec Conference, have all been turned adrift. Very few thought that the Hon. Messrs. Fisher, Tilley, and Gray, would be compelled, by the force of public sentiment, to retire from the political arena; but so it is. Many persons blame Mr. Tilley for dissolving the House, and for going so hastily to the polls. It does, in fact, seem unfortunate that he will not have the opportunity, which he so much coveted, of meeting anti-unionists face to face in open debate; but our impression is, that were this privilege afforded him, it would not materially change the decision."

The editor adds, "Confederated we must be, either under the British or American flag; and we greatly mistake the signs of the times, if the principal men who are about to form the anti-administration of New Brunswick, will not be compelled, ere long, by the force of circumstances, to hoist the Confederate flag."

A telegram from Fredericton on Saturday last says:—Returns give 13 members for Confederation; 28 against. Whole vote however, nearly equal—total for Anti 16000; total for Confederates over 15000.

Canada. The merchants and banks of Canada are greatly perplexed by the large quantities of silver in circulation there. The Board of Trade of Montreal have decided that 4 per cent shall be allowed on all payments made in that coin.

It was expected that the Legislature would have been prorogued last week. An old man who was clerk in the People's Bank, Montreal, hanged himself the other morning.

THE NEUTRALITY OF THE LAKES.—We are pleased to see an announcement in the American newspapers that mutual explanations have passed between the British and American Governments which have led to an agreement that the ancient and wholesome arrangement, in virtue of which the armed forces of the two nations on the Lakes is strictly limited, is to be continued. This disposes of any question of maintaining a preponderation on one side or the other.—Quebec Gazette.

THE FEDERATION QUESTION.—The Toronto Globe of Friday last says the result of the action of Nova Scotia on the Federation question, will be that the Canadian Government will speedily be called on to adopt a new policy on the whole subject.

There have been no less than forty-two arrests in Toronto, C. W., for breaking the provisions of the Foreign Enlistment Act since the 9th of May last. In most cases it was found impossible to convict the parties for want of sufficient legal proof of their participation in the crime, so well were the plans laid by which the poor unsuspecting victims were entrapped into joining the Federal army.

West Indies. A rumor prevailed at Kingston, Ja., recently that all the British troops in Spanish Town, were under orders to sail for Honduras, in consequence of a difficulty arising from the Emperor Maximilian's project of annexing the Colony to Mexico.

LATEST FROM THE STATES.

[From Telegrams to Associated Press.]

WEDNESDAY, March 22.—Quite a commercial panic at New York, caused by the decline of gold, and the consequent reduction in prices of merchandise and produce. Several failures are reported. Pork declined five dollars per barrel, and Cotton seven cents per pound.

All passes to civilians to visit the Army of the Potomac have been suspended. A refugee from Richmond, late a member of the Virginia Legislature, says that Sheridan destroyed property to the value of fifty millions of dollars during his late raid.

Evening.—Refugees from Richmond report great consternation prevailing in that city. They say the city has been for some time in course of evacuation in the way of sending government materials, machinery, &c., to Lynchburg and Danville. They also say Sheridan has put a stop to this in a great measure by destroying the Richmond and Lynchburg Canal.

The main means of communication left—the Danville Railroad—is almost worn out, with no material or men to spare to repair it.

THURSDAY, March 23.—Advices from North Columbia report that Sherman's army entered Goldsboro on Sunday last. His march was unopposed. Schofield's forces have joined Sherman, and it is believed that the rebels have no force in the field competent to withstand Sherman's triumphant progress northward.

The evacuation of Raleigh is reported by refugees. They also state that Gen. Hoke was killed at the battle of Kinston.

Evening.—Richmond papers of the 20th contain a long reply made by the select committee of the rebel Senate to the accusation of Mr. Davis, in which they charge that it was he (Davis) who is guilty of tardiness, inefficiency, and want of decision.

Raleigh papers of the 16th say there will be a formidable force to confront Sherman when he arrives before that city.

FRIDAY, March 24.—There is a rumor this morning that Sherman fought a battle with Johnston near Raleigh and defeated him.

Evening.—Richmond Examiner of the 21st says the conscription of negroes proceeds with difficulty—guards are stationed at every camp yet the negroes escape. There is much reluctance among the whites on the question of arming the slaves.

SATURDAY, March 25.—Late Richmond papers state that Johnston repulsed Sherman's advance on Sunday last, after severe fighting. The rebel loss is placed at 450 and that of the Federals at 3500. The fight took place at Avarysboro on the Cape Fear River half-way between Raleigh and Fayetteville. They also state that Hardee gained a victory after a severe battle on the 16th at Bentonville near the Neuse River.

From the above it would appear that Sherman is pushing toward Raleigh in two columns one moving due north from Fayetteville and the other north west from Newburn. Hardee fought the former and Johnston the latter.

Rebel paper further say that Sherman has attempted no advance since the battle of Sunday.

Evening.—Direct news from Sherman's army says the reported battle on the 16th instant, was merely a skirmish, with small loss to either side.

It is rumored that Lee is at the head of the liberated Richmond army, marching with all haste to unite with Johnston, and so fall upon Sherman.

MONDAY, March 27.—On Saturday morning the Confederates surprised and captured Fort Steadman, which was subsequently retaken with all its guns uninjured. The Confederates lost in the affair 3,000 killed and wounded, and 2,700 prisoners. Federal loss 800.

Sherman was advancing on Raleigh. He had suffered no defeat as claimed by Confederates, though his skirmishers had been temporarily driven back.

Evening.—A despatch from the Army of the Potomac says Grant advanced his lines some distance west of Hatcher's Run on Saturday afternoon capturing the Confederate picket's line of 400 or 500 men.

A heavy Confederate force is reported to be concentrating at Augusta, Ga. General Sherman, in an official despatch, dated Goldsboro, March 22nd, says he arrived there that day,—formed a junction with Generals Terry and Schofield. He states that his entire loss, since leaving Savannah, will not exceed 2500. He captured 3000 prisoners on his march.

Gen. Grant says his loss in the affair before Petersburg, on Saturday, was 2086 in killed, wounded and missing. He captured about 2000 prisoners. Gold 150.

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March 8.

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